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REMARKS

Claims 5-7, 17-23, 29-34, 50, and 58 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 35-43 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 35, 36, and 40 have been so rewritten in independent form, and the remaining claims depend from either claim 36 or 40. Thus, Claims 35-43 are now in condition for allowance.

All of the rejections raised by the Office Action are moot because of the cancellation of the rejected claims.

In light of the Applicant's amendments to the claims and the foregoing Remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any remaining concerns which might prevent the prompt allowance of the application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number appearing below.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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